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REMARKS

In view of the following discussion, the Applicant submits that none of the claims now pending in the application are anticipated under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 102. Thus, the Applicant believes that all of these claims are now in allowable form.

I. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-6 AND 8 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §§ 102

The Examiner rejected claims 1-6 and 8 as being anticipated by Cohn et al. (US patent 6,064,723).

Responsive to the Examiner, claims 1-6, and 8 have been canceled without prejudice. The rejection of these canceled claims is now moot. However, Applicant reserves the right to file one or more continuation applications to continue prosecution of these canceled claims.

II. ALLOWED CLAIMS 9-20 AND OBJECTED CLAIM 7

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 9 through 20, and indicating that claim 7 is allowable if rewritten in an independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 7 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

Furthermore, claim 10 has been amended to correct typographical errors pertaining only to antecedent basis. As such, these amendments are not made in response to any cited prior art. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 7, and 9-20 are now in allowable form.

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CONCLUSION


Thus, the Applicant submits that all of these claims now fully satisfy the requirement of 35 U.S.C. §102. Consequently, the Applicant believes that all these claims are presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly requested.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring the maintenance of the present final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Mr. Kin-Wah Tong, Esq. at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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